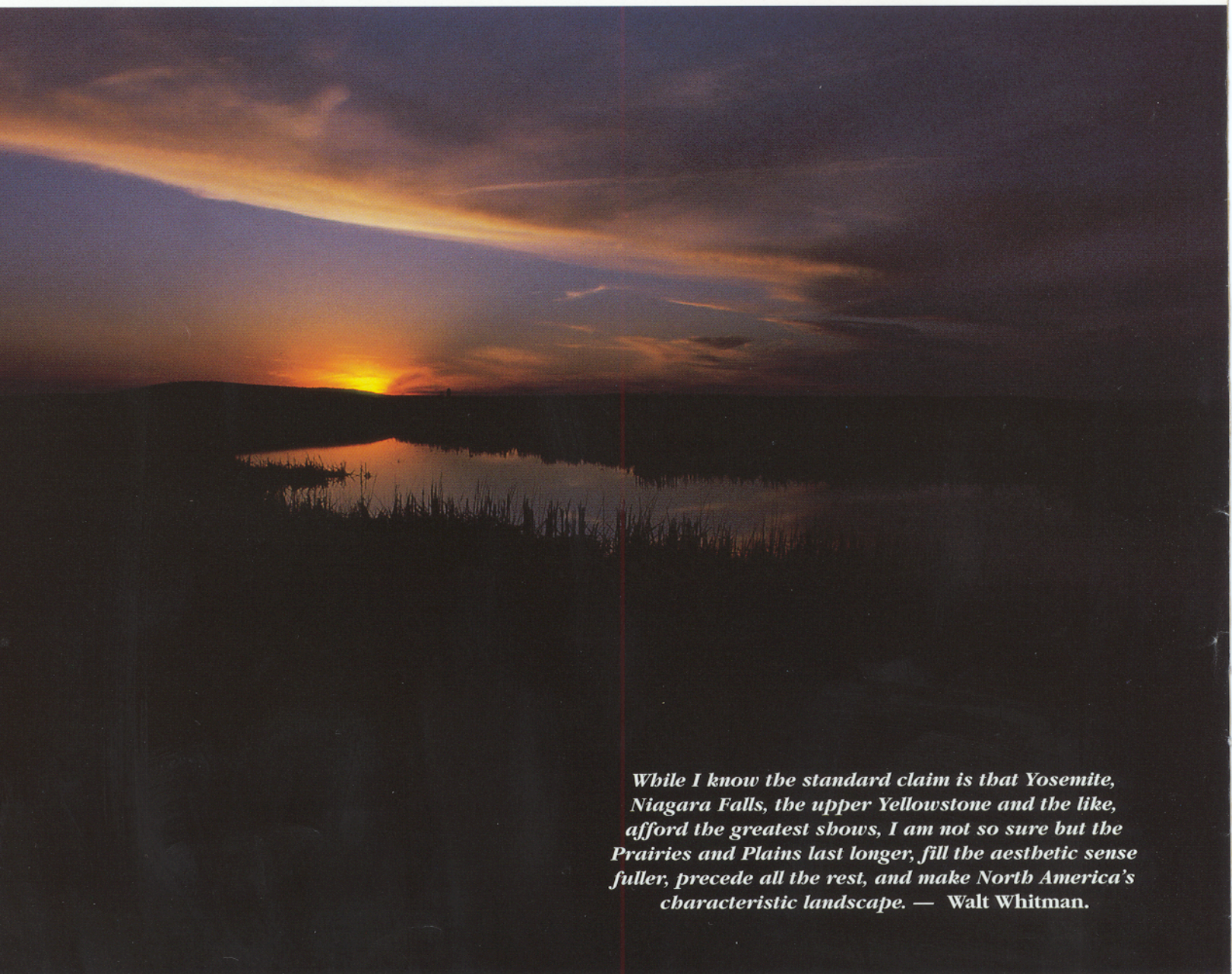


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*While I know the standard claim is that Yosemite, Niagara Falls, the upper Yellowstone and the like, afford the greatest shows, I am not so sure but the Prairies and Plains last longer, fill the aesthetic sense fuller, precede all the rest, and make North America's characteristic landscape. — Walt Whitman.*